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Dear Professor Lettne:

Thank you for the reprint, just received, on "...Untersuchungen über Mitosegifte".

Perhaps there was some misunderstanding, as I had requested reprints of your work on the transmission of carcinogenic activity to treated ascites tumor cells by means of extracted granules. I had sent in a ms. of a review "Cell genetics and hereditary symbiosis" which will appear shortly in Physiological Reviews. Unfortunately, I had missed your note, and could mention it only briefly by an addition in proof.

It would appear that Stanley's work along related, but not identical, lines to your own has been reinterpreted in consequence of the genetic tests published by Klein in Cancer Research (August '52). I do not know whether the same considerations are applicable, but from the genetic point of view genetic studies with your material would be of the deepest significance. In addition to the immunogenetic markers studied by Klein, one might suggest resistance to chemotherapeutic agents and other physiological characteristics.

Yours sincerely,

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